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Bylaw change would end anti-abortion banners on overpasses

FREE SPEECH DEBATE

Pro-life group calls out those 'looking to censor our message'

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Months after tweaking bylaws to stop anti-abortion flyers in citizens' mailboxes, the City of Calgary is set to change rules to prevent those same groups from displaying banners on overpasses.

A report going to the transportation and transit committee on Wednesday recommends the city amend current bylaws to prevent people from holding banners above roadways.

Without singling out any particular group or cause, the report says the practice has led to concerns about risks to those holding the signs, and to people and drivers below.

In 2014, a change.org petition calling for an end to the practice was launched by a Calgary woman. This after a collision happened on Deerfoot Trail near a banner with a graphic image of an aborted fetus.

Cameron Cote, western outreach director for the Calgary-based pro-life Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, said they display the banners four to five times each week during the summer months.

The city has a permit process that allows not-for-profit groups and charities to hang banners free of charge.

Cote said his group met with the city and Calgary Police Service to discuss the practice, and were told that their system of attaching the signs to people wearing harnesses did not violate the bylaw.

He said if this change is approved, his group would adhere to the new rules and focus on taking their message to street corners and university campuses.

"It's certainly disappointing and discouraging that there are groups that are looking to censor our message," said Cote.

However Coun. Evan Woolley, vice-chair of the transportation and transit committee, said he's had lots of complaints about the graphic images on anti-abortion literature and signs.

"While I appreciate their right to free speech — they've pushed the envelope on what I think many of my constituents, and myself included, feel is an appropriate way to communicate a position on anything."

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COMIC BOOKS

Legend Todd McFarlane returns for Calgary expo

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Some kid at Calgary's William Aberhart High School might now be sitting at the same desk once occupied by the twisted mind behind Spawn.

Legends often come from unlikely places.

Todd McFarlane is known for his work forever changing the look of Spider-Man, helping create his nemesis Venom, spawning Spawn, launching Image Comics (third behind Marvel and DC) and founding McFarlane Toys.

Whew.

That's a lot coming from a kid who just liked to doodle.

"If you saw my notebooks — especially in science — I was always doing something with it," McFarlane recalled. "But it was doodling. There was no rhyme or reason for the style.

"It was the year between junior high and high school that I bought a handful of comics off a spinner rack, because there was no comic book shops then."

Yep, until about 15, comic book legend Todd McFarlane had never read a comic book.

But once he finally did, he was dumbstruck by the amazing art and character, and suddenly his doodles took on a whole new style — one that would soon divide the entire comics world.

Spider-Man

"He definitely did a lot of experimenting, it was really fresh for the time," said Trevor Gieske, comic book expert at Phoenix Comics Inglewood.

McFarlane emphasized the spider in Spider-Man, with knees that went past his head and very stylish, over-detailed pencils. Some in the industry weren't fans — they didn't like his gritty take on the character, and the fact the McFarlane didn't adhere to normal autonomy, but it gave birth to a Spider-Man who was constantly flipping, flying and swooping through New York.

With the fame, McFarlane was given a chance to write Spider-Man as well, but Marvel wouldn't let him push the character too far.

"I always wanted to do a scene taking all the stereotypes you can come up with," McFarlane explained. "Rich white guy coming from Wall Street gets mugged by a grimy, creepy black dude from Harlem. Let's just play all the stereotypes.

"Spider-Man comes in, saves the day and webs up the bad guy."

At this point, McFarlane continued, the Wall Street guy dusts himself off, thanks Spider-Man, drops an F-Bomb and says a derogatory epithet to the mugger.

"I wanted Spider-Man to just take that guy, slam him against the wall, and go 'what colour do you think I am underneath this costume?'"

Spawn and Image Comics

After leaving Spider-Man, McFarlane wanted more freedom, so he got together with a couple of other famous artists and writers and created Image Comics, a company where artists could pitch ideas and retain the rights to their own work (unlike DC and Marvel, where the company kept the rights to a creator's ideas).

"A lot of local talent is getting international attention through the Image platform," said Gieske. "Todd has done a huge service for comics in making a viable option for creators to make work that isn't for Marvel or DC."

Image is now the birthplace of hit series like Saga, Invincible, Chew and The Walking Dead.

This is also where McFarlane debuted Spawn, a black superhero who shattered industry records with his first issue.

With Spawn, McFarlane firmly said comics aren't just for kids, and continued that with his toy company. McFarlane Toys makes high detailed figures of famous properties — this is the stuff you put on shelves, not to play with.

Calgary Comic Expo

McFarlane now lives in the U.S., but often sneaks back into Calgary to visit his dad, and his old friends. This year marks his first Calgary Comic Expo appearance, and it'll be a big one.

He's bringing Stan Lee out of (convention) retirement, and while he won't be doing any art commissions, his goal is to do as many signings and selfies as possible, free of charge.

That hometown love for McFarlane is strong, so expect throngs of people in line to see him.

Gieske said he's already running out of back issues of McFarlane books at the store.

DETAILS

- **Calgary Comic Expo takes place April 27-30.**

1 Todd McFarlane created Spawn, which was turned into a movie in 1997.
COURTESY TODD MCFARLANE

2 McFarlane's Spider-Man influenced a generation of comic book artists to come.
COURTESY MARVEL DATABASE

3 McFarlane's high school yearbook photo from William Aberhart.
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BANFF

Bear cubs sent to Ontario

It's still a mystery how three baby bears ended up locked in a Banff bathroom a few weeks ago.

But now one thing's certain, the orphaned cubs have found a new home.

On April 1, dispatch was called after someone walked into a bathroom with three young black bears inside. The Vermillion Lakes pullout washroom was located on the Trans-Canada Highway, west of Banff.

At the time, officials told media it was unclear how they ended up in the bathroom as there was no momma bear nearby to be found.

The bears were too young to survive without a mother, so Parks Canada was looking for a suitable home for the cubs.

Over the Easter long weekend the three bundles of joy travelled from Alberta to Ontario where they were picked up and brought to the Aspen Valley Wildlife sanctuary in Ontario.

HELEN PIKE/METRO

REAL ESTATE

Numbers show slight growth in home prices

Calgary's residential housing market may be showing signs of turning around, according to numbers released Tuesday by Royal LePage.

The aggregate price of a home in the city increased 0.6 of a per cent year-over-year in the first quarter of 2017 — rising to $461,635. That was the first time that number had increased in a year.

Two-storey home median prices remained relatively flat, increasing only 0.1 per cent, while bungalows saw the greatest increase at 2.4 per cent. METRO

Parking authority pitches going digital

BYLAWS

Councillor says residents concerned about changes

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's residential parking passes may soon be a thing of the past, but councillors are having concerns about bringing them into the next century.

The Calgary Parking Authority is looking at taking ye-olde paper passes and make them part of the high-tech digital system. In a report coming to the Transportation and Transit committee on Wednesday, the Calgary Parking Authority is proposing changes to the city bylaws that would allow them to do residential parking enforcement digitally.

But Coun. Druh Farrell said her residents have a number of concerns with the changes.

"This represents a significant change, and there are a lot of questions people have," said Farrell. "Some see it as an invasion of privacy, and an inconvenience."

She said top of mind for her is consultation. She's only hearing about the proposal because it's an agenda item, and wondering why it's coming out of the blue.

"It comes as a surprise to me," said Farrell. "I'm always concerned about adequate engagement … there are just too many questions and as a member of council I would have hoped I have the answers before being confronted with a bylaw."

Calgary Parking Authority is proposing changes to the city bylaws that would allow them to do residential parking enforcement digitally. CONTRIBUTED

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Calgary resident Tova Fertal said they like the idea, but are concerned about what a high-tech system could mean for people who aren't able to use cellphone applications.

Instead of checking the paper zones by hand, after a complaint about parking is filed, the CPA would use their cars to scan license plates with photo enforcement faster and better than they're able to do today.

According to the parking authority, it's illegal for residents to trade or sell their permits, but checking if a permit affixed to a car actually belongs to someone who lives in that neighbourhood is extremely difficult.

The cost to implement this new program would be a one-time $400,000 cost and to maintain the tech it would cost $1,200 to $2,000 annually. Revenues on residential tags would increase $200,000 in 2018 and $400,000 in 2019; they expect more cash from enforcement as people change their parking habits.

Coun. Andre Chabot said he's concerned where digitizing parking enforcement could go, especially with all of it utilizing photo radar.

"It's a slippery slope," said Chabot.

HOMICIDE

Police say cold case cracked

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police said recently acquired DNA evidence is what ultimately allowed them to put a 16-year-old homicide investigation of an amateur Calgary musician to bed on Tuesday.

Paul Hepher, a 50-year-old man who police said led a relatively quiet life, was found shot dead in the basement suite of his northwest Calgary home in March of 2001.

On Tuesday, Insp. Don Coleman, of the CPS major crimes section, said DNA evidence obtained in 2014 confirmed a match to some of the forensic evidence left at the scene, but it took police more than 22 months of searching before they could locate the suspect they were seeking.

"Ultimately in this case DNA played a huge role," he said.

CPS recently located Terrence Lane Wardale, 61, with the help of local law enforcement in Sherwood Park, near Edmonton. He was arrested on Thursday and is now facing a second-degree murder charge in the death of Hepher.

In the last week of their investigation, Coleman said CPS located the weapon — a handgun — that was used to kill Hepher.

The last remaining relative of Hepher, his brother, was informed of Wardale's arrest earlier this week, and Coleman said it's given him some comfort.

"He's taken a lot of comfort in knowing his brother's murder (investigation) could be successfully concluded," he said.

Coleman said Wardale and Hepher were "loose associates" and that Hepher was targeted for financial reasons.

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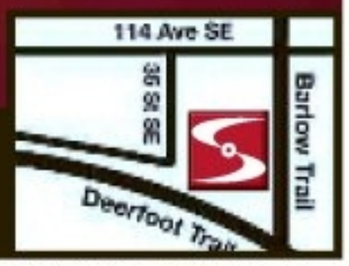

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POLITICS

Wait goes on for third-party fundraising policy

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

A policy on how councillors raise funds for the benefit of third-party groups is getting more time in the slowcooker after concerns were raised over potential personal gains.

On Tuesday, councillors heard the administration's idea of a transparent and accountable policy for how elected officials should go about fundraising for a third-party group. Those discussions will now simmer for two weeks. The policy was drafted to cover the intricacies of councillors' fundraising efforts to help groups like community associations, charities and not-for-profit groups. This would be a supplement to the policy on accepting gifts.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the policy was drafted because of an annual BBQ that Coun. Peter Demong throws to benefit the community associations in his ward. As part of the festivities he buys memberships for attendees.

"Coun. Demong very rightly so came to the intergovernmental task force and said 'listen, I do this and I'm operating outside of the realm of policy, can we fix that,'" said Nenshi. "I'm seeing that this policy as written is creating a large number of rules."

The mayor questioned the policy noting there would be nothing preventing him from soliciting funds for the Nenshi family charitable foundations as long as he doesn't touch them.

"Certainly, I would not get the same level of donations if I weren't in this chair," said the mayor. "I'm a little bit worried that this opens up a whole variety of things for fundraising that's not an event."

Administration's report said for each event councillors help to fundraise, they must open a separate account for each event, especially if they planned on paying for expenses of hosting fundraiser events like silent auctions.

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Over the past few months, I felt many of those same emotions Dr. Powell must have felt as I reviewed the daily progress reports for our lottery.

The morning after the sales deadline passed, I was astounded when I opened that final report and read what it said: 99.7 per cent sold. Albertans, as always, had come through for STARS and the patients we care for.

I have always found that Albertans show their true colours when times are toughest.

Seeing this response in the face of such a challenging economic climate is truly remarkable.

It is testament to the resolve of Albertans and your continued support for our mission.

This morning, our crews will complete their pre-flight inspections, and prepare for the shift ahead. They will be ready to answer the call. I can't think of a more important way to repay the support you have shown us.

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Andrea Robertson
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Lisa Mitchell's body was found buried in a cemented tomb in the basement of her home nearly two years after she went missing. CPS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Accused confessed, court hears

MURDER TRIAL

Shyback allegedly told officers he buried wife

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

The man accused of killing his common-law wife confessed to Calgary undercover cops that he'd strangled her and buried her body in the basement of their home, the Crown said Tuesday.

Allan Shyback, represented by defence lawyer Balfour Der, pleaded not guilty to one charge of second-degree murder and not guilty to improperly interfering with human remains in the 2012 death of his common-law partner, Lisa Mitchell.

Lisa, 31, a mother of two, was last seen alive walking to a convenience store from her home in October 2012.

Police launched an undercover operation dubbed "Operation Aurora" in 2013 that resulted in the 2014 arrest of Shyback. In her opening statement Crown prosecutor Heather Morris said Shyback had taken "significant steps" to conceal his role in Lisa's death.

Peggy Mitchell, Lisa's mother, took the stand Tuesday morning and described aggressive behaviour between the couple in the 10-year sporadic relationship she described as "volatile."

Mitchell reported her daughter missing after days of trying to connect with her in early November 2012, visiting Shyback at the couple's home and receiving a slew of odd e-mails from her daughter's address where she told her mother she'd met "someone new."

On Nov. 15, 2012 — two weeks since Lisa had last been seen — Mitchell said she woke up to a voice mail left in the wee hours of the morning. After listening to the voice mail, Mitchell said it sounded like her daughter's voice, but the wording threw her off.

In an agreed statement of facts submitted in court and presented to Justice Rosemary Nation, Shyback admits to using computer applications to splice, dice and change the tone and pace of previously recorded phone calls of Lisa's to create the voice mail.

Medical examiner, Dr. Jeffery Goften testified on Tuesday as well. He said Lisa's body had significantly decomposed and even "mummified" in some parts by the time he conducted his autopsy. He concluded her probable cause of death was manual strangulation. Const. Karl Sudyk also took the stand, explaining how investigators discovered a cement tomb in the basement of Shyback's home when they searched it in December 2014.

2013

The year in which 'Operation Aurora' began using undercover officers

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Extreme weather risk heats up

CLIMATE CHANGE

Researchers analyzed 60 years of climate data

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

Extreme weather events are more likely to hit Alberta and tourism will be significantly impacted by a gradually-warming province, according to some of Alberta's leading scientists on the subject.

It's well documented that Alberta's iconic glaciers have been slowly disappearing, but experts are warning they may vanish altogether within the foreseeable future, leaving scars on the Rocky Mountain landscape and costing our billion-dollar-tourism industry thousands of visits.

According to research from the Kienzle Watershed and Spatial Analysis Lab at the University of Lethbridge (U of L), which analyzed temperature and precipitation measurements that have been collected every day since 1950 from 6,833 climate stations located across the province, Alberta's climate has been warming consistently over the last half-century.

A team led by Dr. Stephen Kienzle, professor of hydrology and geographical information science at U of L, recently compiled the nearly five million records from 1950 to 2010 and found average annual summer temperatures in Alberta have increased by 0.77 C, while spring and fall temperatures increased by 1.37 C and 1.05 C, respectively.

Winter temperatures have increased, on average across the province, by 5.21 C.

A burnt out pick up truck in the driveway of a burnt down home in the Beacon Hill neighbourhood in Fort McMurray on May 9, 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It's possible that today's teenagers will see some of the last glaciers in the Rocky Mountains disappear in their lifetime," Scott Jasechko, assistant professor of water resources with the department of geography at the University of Calgary (U of C), told Metro.

According to data from Brewster Travel Canada, there were approximately 304,509 visitors to the Glacier Discovery Centre near the Columbia Icefields in 2010 — that's an average of 1,646 people a day.

Dr. Kienzle said with the exception of high-elevation regions, snowfall is being replaced by rainfall, which puts communities at a greater likelihood to experience extreme weather events such as flooding or wildfires.

"Floods, droughts and heat waves are some of the most serious stresses to the public when it comes to coping with a changing climate," Kienzle said, adding the scientific community has known human activity has an effect on climate change since 1859.

Tourists photograph their surroundings on the Athabasca Glacier part of the Columbia Icefields in Jasper National Park on May 7, 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

His team also found the number of heat waves in Edmonton and Calgary have doubled since 1950, but the number of days with maximum temperatures below zero each year have decreased by 21.

Dr. Gwendolyn Blue, associate professor with the department of geography at U of C who focuses on public engagement related to climate change, said the warming presents risks to Albertans.

"The changes will be both direct and indirect — for instance, rates of allergies may go up. We also may see different kinds of infectious disease, water and airborne illnesses, and wildfires," she said. "And it's not going to be a uniform warming — Albertans will be affected differently based on where they live."

Jasechko said an important question for densely-populated areas like Edmonton and Calgary to consider is how factors such as less snow and melting glaciers will impact the frequency and duration of floods.

"One of the impacts of higher-intensity rain events may be a higher risk of flooding to Albertans, especially those in urban centres who are reliant on lands not being inundated with floodwaters," Jasechko said.

All three were quick to explain recent events in Alberta — the wildfire in Fort McMurray last spring or the 2013 floods in southern Alberta — cannot be attributed to climate change, but they do serve as an important example of how devastating extreme weather can be.

Residents walk through flood waters in Calgary on June 24, 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHAT IT MEANS

- Weather is short-term conditions in the atmosphere that we can observe and measure, such as temperature, precipitation and wind.
- Climate refers to the average weather measured over many years (typically around 30, according to Dr. Kienzle).

"Climate change can contribute to drier conditions, caused by a combination things including less precipitation, more frequent and unusually-high temperatures, increased evaporation from bodies of water, and earlier snow melt — all factors observed before the Fort McMurray wildfire — so going forward, the increased risk of wildfires must be expected," Kienzle said.

He said Albertans will have to learn to adapt and prepare for these types of events.

"For example, by covering cars under shelters so they don't get hailed out and building stronger roofs to withstand more freak winter storms," the professor said.

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FUNDING

Reserves to link with regional water supplies

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

On any given day, several communities in Alberta are forced to rely on inadequate and inconsistent water sources for everything from brushing their teeth to staying hydrated.

The NDP government announced recently it would be spending $100 million over four years to improve access to clean drinking water for Indigenous communities.

Easier said than done, given that reservations are under the federal government's umbrella — they're the ones who specifically seek to end boil-water advisories, according to Richard Feehan, Alberta's minister of Indigenous relations.

He said even if a community doesn't face a boil-water advisory, they might not have a reliable, consistent water supply, and that's where the province can step in. The funding will be used to connect communities with regional water supplies.

"Then the federal government needs to hook up at the reserve boundary and bring that (water) into buildings on the reserve," he said.

The funding will be allocated on a project-by-project basis based on self-evaluated needs from affected communities.

"It's not just the government setting up a program that we direct because we have an interest in this area, it really is the First Nations saying what will work for them," Feehan said.

> **It really is the First Nations saying what will work for them.**
> Richard Feehan

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Rebates for those who keep cold out, heat in

Provincial government rebates are being made available to Alberta homeowners who want to upgrade their windows, insulation and hot water heaters.

The NDP government says starting April 28, rebates of up to $3,500 will be available for eligible products. The program covers energy efficient triple-glaze windows and tankless hot-water heaters, along with insulation for attics, basements and above-grade walls.

Environment Minister Shannon Phillips said the rebates will help people save money and boost the economy. Analysis from other provinces shows 50 to 70 jobs created for every million dollars invested in energy efficiency programs, she said.

Homeowners must select from a list of Alberta-based registered contractors to do the installations, with the rebates going directly to the property owner once each project is complete.

Contractors who want to get on the registry must complete a short training course, be legally registered to do business in Alberta and have current liability insurance and workers' compensation coverage.

The Home Improvement Rebate is part of the government's $24-million program for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances and products.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **It's like a live Bollywood movie come to life on a Calgary stage.**
> Pooja Thakore

Kala Bhavan of Calgary is celebrating 30 years of traditional Indian dancing in Calgary. COURTESY MILLS PHOTOGRAPHY

Dancing storytellers

CULTURE

Ancient Hindu art brings both melody and motion to stage

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Pooja Thakore grew up with a sari on her shoulders and a gajra (a flower garland) in her hair, telling stories with her hands and feet.

Back in 1987, her mother, Roma Thakore, founded Kala Bhavan of Calgary, an Indian dance company.

Roma immigrated to Calgary with a bachelor's degree in dance from the University of Bombay, and, for the past 30 years, has kept the company going through her own passion.

"Because it was run by my mom, I think I basically danced before I walked," Pooja Thakore laughed. Most of the girls who started in the dance company are now women who haven't given up their roots.

For the 30th anniversary, the company has teamed up with script writers out of India to put on something special. Not just a regular dance routine, this will be a full-blown production, with more than 45 performers acting, dancing and stealing hearts.

"Basically, it's like a live Bollywood movie come to life on a Calgary stage," Thakore explained.

"There's drama, there's love, there's heartbreak, there's dancing and everything people would expect from a Bollywood movie."

The story is that of India's history. The narrative starts at a time when temple dancing (specifically bharatanatyam) was seen as a prestigious and highly sought after role in Indian society.

However, after India became a British colony, funding was stripped from many temples, and dancers fell into poverty. Suddenly, there was very little respect and a lot more misconception about the art form.

In the early 1900s, however, there was a revival of bharatanatyam, and suddenly the style saw a resurgence of popularity not only in India, but around the world.

Kala Bhavan will retell this history, but with a ton more drama and a little less historical accuracy, on stage.

Thakore feels it's important to have events like this, and make them accessible to non-Indian audiences, to help Calgarians better know the culture — the easily recognizable elements are just to get people through the door.

"It's not just Bollywood and butter chicken," she said. "There's so much more that's part of South Asian culture, and I think over the years, we've seen that more and more, with events across the city."

Thakore performs with the troupe for two anniversary shows, on May 6 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Wright Theatre at Mount Royal University. For more details, search Kala Bhavan of Calgary on Facebook.

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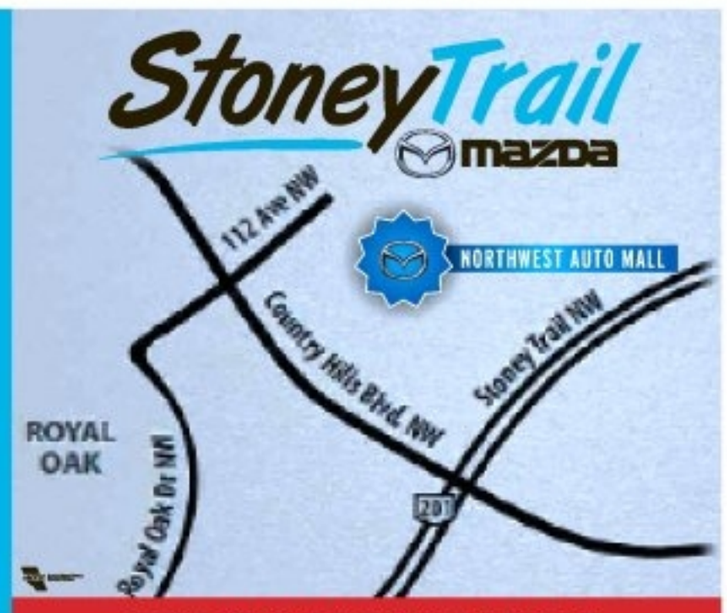

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Calgary company at the helm of green-energy tech

ENVIRONMENT

Clean O2 says it's on the forefront of 'urban mining'

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary company has developed a technology they say can have a meaningful impact on the greenhouse gas emissions that are created from burning gas — right in your own home.

Jaeson Cardiff, CEO for Calgary-based company Clean O2, said they've spent the last 10 years developing the world's first residential carbon capturing technology, and it could be available for purchase by end of year (it's already available for purchase commercially).

Cardiff said first and foremost, the unit will reduce energy demand through hot water recovery by taking the waste heat from the appliance and using it to pre-warm water that is coming into a building.

"Basically, the domestic water tanks don't have to work as hard," he said.

Then, Clean O2 uses the chemicals to interact with the carbon emissions and they sell the by-product (something called soda ash, which is used to manufacture glass, develop pharmaceuticals, and more), and then share the profits with their customers.

"We call ourselves an urban mining company — we mine the waste stream of these appliances and profit share with the customers so that they get some return on their investment over a short period of time," he said.

Cardiff said users of the carbon capturers further economically benefit the user as they reduce the amount of gas they use, resulting in increased carbon levy rebates.

"The carbon levies that are being rolled out will be a cherry on the cake," he said.

President and CEO of the Canadian Gas Association, Timothy Egan, said these kinds of technologies are important because of the aggressive emission reduction targets set by governments.

"In order for us to meet those targets we're going to need to bring a lot more innovation to the table in how we use energy," he said

He said natural gas meets over 30 per cent of the country's energy needs — more than electricity — and is the most affordable form of energy, and technologies like residential carbon capturers are the way of the future.

"We deliver natural gas to almost seven million Canadian homes, and it's used for furnaces, hot water heaters, barbeques — a bunch of things,"

> **Domestic tanks don't have to work as hard.**
> Jaeson Cardiff

Cardiff said the units will cost approximately $4,500 and customers will see a full return on investment over three to four years.

Jaeson Cardiff, CEO of CleanO2, with the carbon collector. CONTRIBUTED

MONTNEY

Drilling recovery

Increasingly empty industrial yards around the northeastern B.C. city of Fort St. John are a welcome sign for Jennifer Moore.

Moore, a regional economic development officer, says the return of parked natural gas drilling rigs and related equipment to the field shows that a recovery is underway for one of Canada's biggest new energy plays.

Fort St. John sits atop the Montney, a natural gas-bearing formation that straddles the B.C.-Alberta border. Like the oilsands hub of Fort McMurray, its fortunes are closely tied to energy prices.

And with natural gas prices weakened by rising U.S. supplies, Fort St. John and neighbouring communities have witnessed a grinding two-year slowdown.

"It's been a little scary here," said Moore, who works for the North Peace Economic Development Commission.

"As you drove around the community industrial areas, you saw a lot of iron parked in yards, and that's not a good thing. Pipe, equipment, trucks ... the majority was parked in town."

Industry players say that while gas prices are still weak, rich finds in the Montney and the prospect of new pipelines are helping to revive exploration.

According to the online trade publication BOE Report, 335 wells have targeted the Montney in the first quarter of this year. That's a hopeful sign after drilling fell to 746 wells for all of 2016 from a peak of 1,321 in 2014.

"People are feeling more optimistic," Moore said.

Energy executives say the Montney's prolific production, unlocked with horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technology, makes it the most profitable natural gas play in Canada. It provides about one-quarter of Canada's current natural gas output.

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Carbon tax could net Ottawa millions

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Income as high as $280M expected from Alberta, B.C.

Federal coffers stand to benefit when GST is applied on top of carbon taxes, a new report says.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The federal government stands to raise as much as $280 million in revenue off provincial carbon taxes in Alberta and B.C. in the next two years despite claims carbon taxes would be revenue neutral for Ottawa.

Both Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Environment Minister Catherine McKenna have long insisted Ottawa would collect no revenue from the carbon price the federal government is requiring the provinces and territories impose by 2018.

However, a new report from the Library of Parliament shows federal coffers stand to benefit financially when the five per cent GST is applied on top of carbon taxes built into the prices of goods and services such as gasoline or utilities.

In April 2016, the Canada Revenue Agency said provincial carbon taxes would be subject to GST. B.C. Conservative MP Mark Warawa, who requested the report, asked the library to find out how much Ottawa stood to gain as he prepared a private members' bill to reverse the CRA's decision.

Last week, the answer came back: as much as $130 million this year and $150 million next year in Alberta and B.C. Those numbers represent five per cent each of the annual cost of the carbon taxes in those provinces: $1.3 billion in B.C. per year, and in Alberta, $1.3 billion in 2017-18 and $1.7 billion in 2018-19, an average of $1.5 billion.

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Indian Defence Minister Arun Jaitley, left, welcomes his Canadian counterpart Harjit Sajjan in New Delhi on Tuesday.
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NEW DELHI

Sajjan visit to India draws controversy

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan's visit to his native India this week is being greeted with controversy after one of the country's most recognizable political leaders accused him of being a Sikh nationalist.

Amarinder Singh, the top elected official in India's Punjab province, made the explosive accusation in an interview on Indian TV in advance of Sajjan's trip.

In the interview, Singh expressed anger over being blocked from visiting Canada last year before calling Sajjan a Khalistani. The Khalistani movement is comprised of Sikhs who want to create an independent homeland and was notorious for a wave of violence in India in the 1980s.

Sajjan's office has refused to be drawn into a war of words with Singh, saying the defence minister is a proud Canadian and that his trip is intended to strengthen ties between Canada and India.

But Sikh groups in both Canada and India have expressed anger at Singh's comment, calling it undiplomatic and unseemly.

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Winston Blackmore, accused of practising polygamy in a fundamentalist religious community, arrives for the start of his trial.
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Polygamy trial begins

BOUNTIFUL, B.C.

Two bishops of religious community both involved

The leader of a fundamentalist sect that condones plural marriage stood silently in a British Columbia courtroom Tuesday, hands clasped in front of a pressed black suit, as a B.C. Supreme Court judge asked how he would plead to a charge of polygamy.

"The accused stands mute, my lady," Winston Blackmore's lawyer, Blair Suffredine, said after a moment of silence.

With that began the long-awaited trial of Blackmore and James Oler, who are each charged with one count of polygamy. Justice Sheri Donegan entered a not guilty plea on Blackmore's behalf, while Oler, who is representing himself, pleaded not guilty.

Both men have served as bishops for the religious settlement of Bountiful in southeastern B.C., which follows the teachings of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints, often referred to as the FLDS.

Suffredine said outside court his client chose to say nothing for religious reasons.

"He doesn't want to deny his faith. He doesn't feel guilty," Suffredine said. "The technical way around that is don't say anything and they'll enter the plea not guilty."

Blackmore is accused of marrying 24 women over 25 years, while Oler has four wives.

The Bountiful case dates back to the early 1990s when police first investigated allegations that residents of an isolated religious community were practising polygamy.

The Supreme Court ruled in 2011 that laws banning polygamy were constitutional and did not violate religious freedoms guaranteed in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

YUKON

Gold Rush star is on trial

A reality TV star is on trial in Yukon, accused of violating the territory's Waters Act. Tony Beets is charged with two counts of depositing waste in a water management area and failing to report it to an inspector.

Tamarack Inc., a mining company where Beets is a director, faces the same charges, plus two counts of failing to comply with a licence.

The charges stem from an episode of Discovery Channel's Gold Rush in February 2015, showing gasoline being poured into a pond in Dawson City. A torch is then thrown and the water lights on fire.
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DEFAMATION

Subway chain files suit against the CBC

Subway has filed a defamation lawsuit against the CBC over reports the sandwich chain alleges have caused it to suffer significant sales losses.

In a statement of claim filed with a Toronto court earlier this month, Subway takes issue with television and online reports as well as tweets published by the broadcaster, which it alleges were meant to discredit the company and its products.

Subway alleges the CBC acted "recklessly and maliciously" in airing a Marketplace report in February that said DNA tests suggested some chicken products served by the chain could contain only 50 per cent chicken or less.

The company further alleges the tests conducted on the chicken "lacked scientific rigour," were conducted without appropriate methods by people without proper training and then interpreted by people who also lacked training.

Subway is seeking $210 million in damages, saying its reputation and brand have taken a hit as a result of the CBC reports. It is also seeking recovery of out-of-pocket expenses it says were incurred as part of efforts to mitigate its losses.

None of the allegations have been proven in court and the CBC says it will defend itself against the lawsuit, noting the DNA tests were done by independent and credible experts.

CBC Marketplace reported that DNA test results showed high levels of soy DNA in Subway's chicken products, suggesting potentially high levels of soy content in Subway's chicken products.

The TV report was followed by an online story and several tweets with similar content.

Subway reacted angrily after the report aired, calling it false and misleading. The company said at the time its own analysis found only trace amounts of soy in its chicken.
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Trump targets visa program

POLITICS

Undercuts U.S. workers, says White House

U.S. President Donald Trump holds up a Buy American, Hire American executive order after signing at Snap-On Tools in Kenosha, Wis., on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Turning back to the economic populism that helped drive his election campaign, President Donald Trump signed an order yesterday he said should help American workers whose jobs are threatened by skilled immigrants.

At the headquarters of hand and power tool manufacturer Snap-on Inc., Trump signed an order aimed at curbing what his administration says are hiring abuses in a visa program used by U.S. technology companies. Dubbed "Buy American and Hire American," the directive follows a series of recent Trump reversals on economic policies.

"We are going to defend our workers, protect our jobs and finally put America first," Trump declared, standing in front of an American flag fashioned out of wrenches.

Much like some prior orders, however, Trump's executive action Tuesday essentially looks for detailed reports rather than making decisive changes. In this case, the reports are about granting visas for highly skilled foreign workers and ensuring that government purchasing programs buy American made goods as required by law.

Trump chose to sign the directive at Snap-on Inc., based in Wisconsin, a state he narrowly carried in November on the strength of support from white, working-class voters. Trump currently has only a 41 per cent approval rating in the state.

He campaigned last year on promises to overhaul U.S. trade and regulatory policy, but his executive orders on those issues reflect the administration bowing somewhat to the limits of presidential power. Also, he has recently reversed several populist promises, including standing up to China, which he contended was manipulating its currency and stealing American jobs, and eliminating the Export-Import Bank, which he billed as wasteful subsidy.

But Trump returned to Tuesday to the economic tough talk of his campaign, saying: "We're going to make some very big changes or we are going to get rid of NAFTA for once and for all," referring to the Clinton-era U.S. trade pact with Canada and Mexico.

In his new directive, the president is targeting the H-1B visa program, which the White House says undercuts U.S. workers by bringing in large numbers of cheaper, foreign workers and driving down wages.

The tech industry has argued that the H-1B program is needed because it encourages students to stay in the U.S. after getting degrees in high-tech specialties — and because companies can't always find enough American workers with the skills they need.

The new order would direct U.S. agencies to propose rules to prevent immigration fraud and abuse in the program. They would also be asked to offer changes so that H-1B visas are awarded to the "most-skilled or highest-paid applicants.

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CANADA-U.S. TRADE

Donald vs. dairy farmers

Canada's envoy to Washington has shot back at criticism by President Donald Trump and U.S. milk producers, saying the facts don't support a charge that the Canadian dairy industry is to blame for the woes of some American farmers.

"Canada does not accept the contention that Canada's dairy policies are the cause of financial loss for dairy farmers in the United States," Ambassador David MacNaughton said in a letter to the governors of Wisconsin and New York that was released Tuesday night in rebuttal to Trump's surprise criticism of Canada earlier in the day. "The facts do not bear this out."

The U.S. president's surprise decision to call out Canada by name Tuesday put dairy farmers north of the border on notice that they are in America's fair-trade sights. A brewing trade spat has seen the U.S. dairy lobby accuse Canada of "systemic disregard" of its trade obligations, while the Canadian industry accused its American rival of "scapegoating." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. Vice-President Mike Pence and Japan's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Taro Aso following their joint press conference at the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Pence to Japan: U.S. is with you 100%

POLITICS

America's allies in Asia assured after N. Korea's missile failure

From two continents, top Trump administration officials warned Tuesday that North Korea's latest failed missile launch was a reckless act of provocation and assured allies in Asia that the United States was ready to work to achieve a peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

While Defence Secretary Jim Mattis denounced North Korea's weapons test as he began a Mideast tour, Vice-President Mike Pence offered support to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo amid a trip dominated by concerns about the rogue state's nuclear intentions.

"We appreciate the challenging times in which the people of Japan live with increasing provocations from across the Sea of Japan," Pence said after arriving from Seoul for talks with Abe. "We are with you 100 per cent."

At the outset of their meeting, Pence reiterated to Abe his statement in South Korea that the United States has run out of patience with Pyongyang's moves. "While all options are on the table," Pence said, "President Trump is determined to work closely with Japan, with South Korea, with all our allies in the region, and with China" to resolve the problem.

> **We seek peace always as a country, as does Japan.**
> Mike Pence

"We seek peace always as a country, as does Japan, but as you know and the United States knows, peace comes through strength and we will stand strongly with Japan and strongly with our allies for a peace and security in this region," Pence added.

Said Abe: "It goes without saying that it is a matter of paramount importance for us to seek diplomatic efforts as well peaceable settlements of the issue."

"But at the same time," the prime minister said, "dialogue for the sake of dialogue is valueless and it is necessary for us to exercise pressure on North Korea so that it comes forward and engages in this serious dialogue."

Mattis struck an even tougher tone on North Korea. "The leader of North Korea again recklessly tried to provoke something by launching a missile," he said. The term "reckless" is one the North Koreans have used to describe ongoing large-scale U.S. and South Korean military exercises, which the North calls a dress rehearsal for an invasion.

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MIDDLE EAST

Report: Weakening Syrian government may help Daesh

Daesh could inadvertently benefit from a situation in which Syrian government forces are considerably weakened on the ground, a London-based military analysis group said on Tuesday.

The report, published by IHS Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Centre, follows the United States bombing of a Syrian army base after a chemical weapons attack on April 4 killed nearly 90 people.

The U.S. has accused the Syrian government of being behind the attack — charges that Syria denies.

In Syria, Daesh is battling both government forces and forces allied with the U.S.-led coalition. If Syrian government forces are weakened, Daesh fighters could more easily move into heavily populated cities and towns, said Columb Strack, a senior Middle East analyst at IHS Jane's.

"The Syrian government is essentially the anvil to the U.S.-led coalition's hammer," Strack said.

Weakened Syrian government forces could give the militants additional footholds at a time when their grip on territory elsewhere in Syria and Iraq is being rolled back, Strack explained.

In Iraq, Daesh has lost more than half the territory the militants once controlled there and is now fighting to defend a cluster of western Mosul neighbourhoods that mark the last significant urban area the group holds in that country.

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Hot Toronto housing sales skew numbers

REAL ESTATE

March 17% jump offsets 31% decline in Vancouver

The number of Canadian home sales hit a record high last month with the sizzling Toronto-area market pulling up the rest of the country, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA).

"Toronto always swings the biggest bat in Canada, but even more so lately," said CREA senior economist Shawn Cathcart on Tuesday.

Non-seasonally adjusted Canadian sales were up 6.6 per cent year over year in March, with Toronto climbing 17 per cent in that period.

That offset a 31.5 per cent decline in Vancouver sales, the latest drop since the introduction of a foreign investor tax and vacant homes taxes last year.

The monthly CREA statistics came Tuesday as the provincial and federal finance ministers and Toronto Mayor John Tory met to discuss the imposition of potentially using similar taxes to cool Toronto's increasingly unaffordable property market.

CREA cautioned politicians, however, against destabilizing other Canadian markets in any attempt to temper Toronto prices.

"If Toronto is the only hot market in Canada, you don't want to be throwing cold water on everybody," said Cathcart.

He said the city's "prices are as tight as they've ever been."

"There's a lot of interest for every listing that comes on and that's all the way out basically in 200 kilometres in any direction from downtown Toronto at the moment."

Cathcart noted that Toronto's real estate trends now encompass the entire Greater Golden Horseshoe.

"So instead of being 20 per cent of Canada, we're actually looking at a third of Canada that's seeing these kinds of trends," he said.

The average Canadian sale price increased 8.2 per cent year-over-year in March with a 9.3 per cent decline in Greater Vancouver and 33.2 per cent increase in the Toronto area, according to CREA.

"If you take the GTA or Greater Golden Horseshoe out of the numbers, the average price in the rest of Canada is actually down on a year-over-year basis," he said.

The association said home sales over its Multiple Listings Service system increased by 1.1 per cent in March to top the previous monthly record set in April 2016. On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales totalled 46,353, up from 45,856 in February.

The actual national average price for homes sold in March this year was $548,517, up 8.2 per cent from a year ago. Excluding the Toronto and Vancouver areas, the average price was $389,726.

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The Canadian Real Estate Association said home sales over its Multiple Listings Service system in March topped the previous monthly record set in April 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

EMPLOYMENT

Bank warns of job loss from automation

A senior Bank of Canada official says while the country's poised to reap economic benefits from technological progress, it must also brace for potentially painful side effects like job losses and greater income inequality.

In a speech in Toronto, senior deputy governor Carolyn Wilkins said Tuesday innovations like artificial intelligence and robotics are expected to help re-energize underwhelming productivity in advanced economies like Canada. Over the longer haul, she added that new technologies should eventually create more jobs than they replace.

However, the fast-approaching changes come with concerns for Wilkins — from the challenging adjustment for the labour force, to the distribution of the new wealth.

She noted how experts predict changes like automation to have downsides, which could include impacts on close to half of all jobs in some industrialized countries within 20 years.

Policy-makers, she added, must get ready to manage negatives like amplified income inequality brought on by conditions that could help workers whose skills are complemented by innovations and those whose tasks are replaced by machines.

Her speech comes as governments grapple with the challenge of providing support to these emerging fields, while also easing the fears of workers who could lose their jobs.

For Canada to get the most from these changes, Wilkins argued it must address these concerns.

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JESSICA ALLEN ON REVIEWS WITH A SIDE OF SEXISM

Yes, a restaurant is a reflection of the restaurateur, but film critics manage to avoid mention of prickly personalities and enormous egos

GARDEN OF IDEAS Reviews of new Toronto restaurant Grey Gardens have included sexist undertones, writes Jessica Allen. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Alexandre Balthazar Laurent Grimod de la Reynière was probably sexist.

The Napoleonic French inventor of food guides and restaurant criticism (who once staged his own funeral to see who would come) "trumpeted sirloins as preferable to women," according to Rebecca L. Spang's book, The Invention of the Restaurant.

He also felt true gastronomers were better off focusing their attention on "the stupidest goose, than the sweetest woman."

Some 200 years later, the tables have finally turned! Women have joined his rank as restaurant critics, not to mention restaurateurs and chefs. Yet there remains the faintest whiff, or full-on stink — depending who you ask — of gender bias.

Take the recent reviews of new Toronto restaurant Grey Gardens, which blew up like soufflés gone rogue on social media over the weekend. The Kensington Market restaurant comes courtesy of one of the country's preeminent restaurateurs, Jen Agg.

In one publication, right out of the gate, before mention of the ricotta dumplings or the superb duck breast, the magazine's restaurant critic writes of Agg's "meanie reputation," and pits her against her chef, Mitchell Bates: "He's the exact opposite of Agg," he writes, "rarely tweeting and never bragging."

On Twitter, where Agg is both prolific and provocative, calling out misogyny in her industry and railing against cranky customers, she accused the magazine of sexism and asked for a both a retraction and an apology.

It's no longer up to French dandies to preside over our tables.

Here's the rub: the review gave Grey Gardens an impressive three stars. It praises the food, the service, and the setting. But the reviewer attributes his "stress-free" experience to the fact that Agg wasn't there — as though she had nothing to do with creating Grey Gardens, her fifth establishment.

This fixation on the owner isn't exactly typical of restaurant reviews, the most popular of which are always of the takedown sort.

Remember Pete Wells' viral 2012 send-up of Guy's American Kitchen & Bar in Times Square in the New York Times?

He asked Guy Fieri, the television personality and restaurateur, a series of rhetorical questions — Why did the toasted marshmallow taste like fish? — and compared him to food writer Calvin Trillin, if "Mr. Trillin bleached his hair, drove a Camaro and drank Boozy Creamsicles." (A compliment, if you ask me.) But other than that, Wells sticks to criticizing the (very poor) food and service, just like he did last year when he famously dropped two of Thomas Keller's four stars from Per Se. He didn't even call Keller a "meanie" for adding an optional tip line on a nearly $4,000 dinner for four that already included service.

When Balthazar, a famous New York brasserie, opened an outpost in London in 2013, the Times restaurant critic Giles Coren wrote there was "not a memorable mouthful to be had. Like all New York restaurants." Restaurateur Keith McNally isn't even mentioned.

So what is it about Jen Agg?

There's the obvious (she's a woman). But regardless of gender, there aren't a lot of restaurateurs like her.

In a 2016 Elle interview she describes herself as being "vigilantly pro-conflict" and her memoir, which comes out in May, is called I Hear She's a Real Bitch. "My Twitter feed is either sharp, witty, and insightful, or the tool that makes me my own worst 'Jenemy,' depending on who you ask," she writes.

But what came first? Agg's personality as expressed on social media or the sexism that caused it to rear its controversial head?

I don't think it matters.

Yes, a restaurant is a direct reflection of the restaurateur, but film critics manage to avoid mention in movie reviews of the prickly personalities and enormous egos of the Michael Bays and David O. Russells in the industry.

Restaurant critics can do the same.

It's no longer up to French dandies to preside over our tables. Let us eat our cake, without the side of sexism. (And, while I'm at it, without Instagramming it, too.)

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Quoth the millennial, never more shall talk of a mortgage bring me any ill

Once upon an evening dreary, while I scrolled, eyes wide and bleary
Over many an article of millennial money tips,
While I panicked, racking up tabs, suddenly there came pop-up ads
(as if someone had found a way, a way to give my ad-block the slip).
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when my dinner tonight is a bag of chips."

Oh, surely the banks would know that is not where my cash will go.
They are privy to the outlook of the market with all its highs and dips:
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with selling fewer home-ownerships.

But as I sat, alert and adrift, peering into a vast penniless future of thrift,
I dreamt of a world of money as rare as Canadian teams winning championships
Where investments such as I have made are valued like a mortgage paid.
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Are funded by lines of credit and can be used in trade at car dealerships.
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In this wondrous place, a millennial might even find a home-like space
Or, barring that wild ambition, put money down on some fish and chips
'cause these days, extra tartar sauce means a statement of profit and loss.
To be sure, for young people buying a home, I have no tricks and tips
Except to say that with a lot of savings and more financial snips...
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Snaps for the unchurched

Here's what the millennial generation expects from a community of faith: on-demand digital engagement, an inclusive spirit and a warm and welcoming in-person community, too.

That's why the University of Toronto's Muslim Students Association (MSA) boasts in-house graphic design, digital media, photography, videography and social media teams. It communicates with its 1,500 members by Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat. Many events and panels streamed on Facebook Live.

While this particular student group is keeping pace with expectations, some Canadian religious leaders are saying institutions — mosques and Islamic centres, historic denominational churches, synagogues — have some catching up to do.

Having a robust presence online is a no-brainer, said Dalia Hashim, the MSA's outgoing president.

"It's the main mode of communication for people our age. You can't have a flyer now that has (Microsoft) WordArt on it."

Jordan Waldman, the director of the Calgary chapter of Hillel, a global organization of Jewish college and University students, echoed Hashim's view:

"There are many times I see Jewish organizations, whether in Calgary or other cities, use social media really effectively to engage young people. That said, many faith-based organizations are more traditional and social media is fast paced and new, so I think few groups have found that appropriate balance," he said.

The MSA makes a point of including Muslims from various sects and with varying levels of religiosity, Hashim added.

Many members, she said, are fans of the progressive American Imam Suhaib Webb, who has made a name for himself on Snapchat. His most recent story on the app is a heartfelt chat directly into the camera, gently warning of the misinformation about Ramadan that's spreading online. Then there's a video of his friends giggling uncontrollably and preparing to tuck into a preposterous amount of fried food.

More and more millennials — and Canadians generally — say they don't identify with any religion at all. About 28 per cent of 15- to 24-year-olds checked the "none" box on the 2011 census, the most recent data we have.

Yet they are spiritually hungry: According to research by University of Lethbridge sociologist Reginald Bibby, 75 per cent believe in life after death and 68 per cent believe in God or a higher power. They're also very relaxed about faith: 41 per cent say they're religious but not spiritual, and 61 per cent say all religions are equally valid.

And that's where it gets interesting.

On the Christian side of things, most truly tech-savvy churches (those investing in attracting millennials and young families) are evangelical, and the vast majority are American, said Derek Ouellette, a Windsor, Ont. author whose business helps churches and clergy transition into the digital age.

His own church uses an app called YouVersion, which allows you to follow along live with a worship service on your smartphone or tablet.

"It shows you all of the churches in the area that are doing live events that day. Locally there are only two. And because we're a border city, I get Detroit, and I can see a whole bunch just over across the border," he said.

He's spoken to American church leaders who are "doing church online: visual churches, live churches, online prayer sessions. And you don't hear about any of that in Canada. It's almost nonexistent," he said.

One of those rare Canadian churches with an extraordinary digital presence is the Barrie, Ont.-based evangelical Connexus Church. Its services are live-streamed and available on-demand or as a podcasts. Its pastors, like Carey Nieuwhof — who has 23,000 Twitter followers — are social-media celebrities.

The church has a growing membership of millennials who are "hungry for meaning," simultaneously the "most connected and most disconnected generation," Nieuwhof said.

The church tries to strike a balance between doctrine and its come-as-you-are, inclusive ethos, Nieuwhof said.

Just how many more millennials he could bring into the fold, though, is unclear.

Their plan for an upcoming worship service? Music by teen heartthrob Ed Sheeran, and a sermon preaching the value of love – and against pornography and lust.

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"It's the main mode of communication for people our age. You can't have a flyer now that has (Microsoft) WordArt on it."
Dalia Hashim, on the importance of religious associations having a robust online presence

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

An innocent-savant amid Veep's narcissists

THE SHOW: Veep, S6 E2 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The straight man

Selina Meyer (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) had a humiliating one-year term as U.S. president. Now she's hustling to stay relevant.

En route to a fundraiser, she rides in an SUV with her ex-husband Andrew (David Pasquesi), who's hustling her; her bagman Gary (Tony Hale), who sees through Andrew like an X-ray; and her new staffer, straitlaced, jolly Richard (Sam Richardson).

Siri's robotic voice fills the air: "You have three text messages from Helen."

"That's my phone, sorry," Andrew says.

He instructs Siri not to read the texts, but she replies, "Message one: I can still taste you from last night."

Andrew frantically jabs at his phone while Selina glares at him.

"I imagine she's texting her boyfriend while riding her bicycle and sent it to me by mistake," he says.

"Second message," Siri drones. "Andrew, we ruined your wife's pretty office chair. I get so hot thinking about it. Call me after the fundraiser."

"That was a long one," Richard says cheerily. "She must be at a light."

Richard, an innocent-savant, is a welcome presence in Selina's world, with its slurry of backstabbing, self-serving narcissists.

Richard is the exception, a nice guy who's blithely moral. He's constantly interjecting warnings like: "That's definitely a felony," making it all the funnier (as is the function of great straight men) when they quash, shush or ignore him.

He's also a lovely counterpoint to Gary, who's quasi-moral but will stop at nothing in his devotion to Selina.

Hale deserves an Emmy for his extravagant eye-rolling in this episode alone.

Veep airs Sunday nights at 10:30 p.m. on HBO Canada and is also available on demand.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Gossip Digest KEANU; BAND NAMES

FILM SET

Manitoba stands in for Siberia in Reeves movie

In the small rural community of Marquette, Man., it isn't unusual to bump into your neighbours. But these days, residents are bumping into Hollywood star Keanu Reeves.

"I think he was using the bathroom," said Marquette resident Tayvia Dorge with a laugh. "So we waited and got a photo."

The star of The Matrix was in Marquette to shoot his latest movie, Siberia.

"It's cool, you know?" resident Lee McRae told CTV Winnipeg. "He's been in lots of blockbusters, so to have him come to the middle of nowhere — Marquette — is kind of a cool deal."

The small town has a cool role to play, quite literally. It's standing in for Siberia, the setting of the film.

That meant the town was transformed using some Hollywood magic, including a Russian billboard and Russian licence plates.

The exterior of Bonnie Lawrence's house underwent an extreme makeover, turning it into a junkyard. She said it's exciting, but a little overwhelming too "because all of a sudden it's an invasion."

It will be a short-lived one. The lights, cameras and action will shift to another location in the coming days, leaving just memories of Hollywood for the people of Marquette.

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ACTIVISM

Tanya Tagaq pushes U.S. band Eskimeaux to change name

Inuit throat singer Tanya Tagaq has convinced Brooklyn indie band Eskimeaux to swap out its name for one deemed more culturally sensitive.

The Polaris Prize-winner jumped on Twitter last week to call out singer-songwriter Gabrielle Smith for "using slurs to sell music."

"If you want to use the word Eskimo you had better be an Eskimo or I'll eat you for lunch," Tagaq tweeted.

"I'm tired of being reduced, diminished, dismissed. Our matriarchs are better than this," read another message.

The band responded within days to tell her they'd decided to rename themselves O.

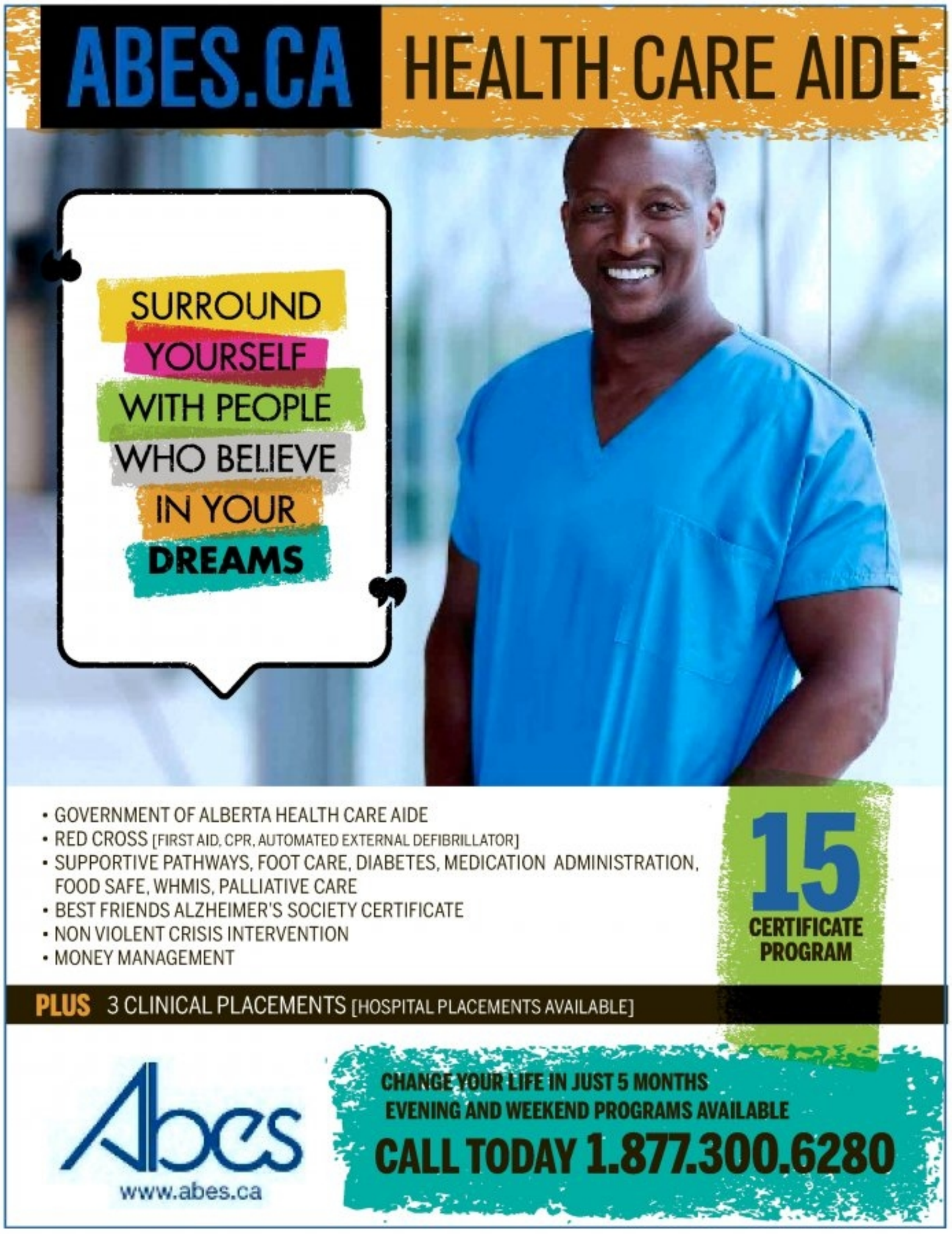
"We've been talking about changing the band name for a little over a year now," Smith said in a statement.

"The band name is the gateway to the project and I never set out to make it

controversial, hurt people's feelings, or bring up a kind of hardship I haven't personally had to endure."

Smith said she was adopted and settled on the name Eskimeaux after searching for information about her heritage, knowing only that her father was Tlingit, an indigenous group originating from the Pacific northwest coast.

Tagaq's wave of tweets comes as she pushes for more change in perceptions of indigenous people in popular culture. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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THIS WEEK: Fish fillets

Which of these fish fillet options won't have you sinking in fat?

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High Liner Pan-Sear Selects Cod in Savoury Herb

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Calories 210
Fat 8g
Saturated fat 0.5g
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Protein 21g

SKIP THIS

High Liner Beer Battered Fish Fillets

2 fillet (116g):
Calories 320
Fat 22g
Saturated fat 2g
Sodium 540mg
Protein 12g

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent to almost 3 McDonald's hamburgers in fat

Fish and chips is a pub food favourite, but the crispy batter and frying are the culprits here, giving you more calories and fat than actual fish. You can still get a crisp crunch with the lightly breaded pan-seared fillet, sautéed in less oil and giving you only a third of the fat and less than half the sodium of the beer battered fish. Additionally, the lightly breaded fillet has almost double the protein.

Trans fats health risks all too real, finds study

HEALTH

Latest research supports links with heart attacks, strokes

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

Advocates for a long-discussed ban on trans fats in Canada argue it would reduce heart attacks and strokes.

Now, thanks to a new study in the journal JAMA Cardiology, they have more evidence to bolster their case.

Counties in New York State that banned trans fats in restaurants saw a significant decline in hospitalizations for heart attack and stroke within three years, compared to counties that did not enact a ban.

The decline was greater than the general negative trend in heart attacks and strokes seen across the state, and it held even after controlling for demographic factors and income.

The decline was equivalent to 43 fewer heart attacks and strokes per 100,000 people per year.

Extrapolating, if the same proportion of results were to be seen across Canada's population of 35.16 million people, a ban on trans fats in restaurants alone would result in about 15,000 fewer heart attacks and strokes per year.

Meat and dairy products contain traces of trans fats, but Canadians get most of their intake from the partially hydrogenated oils used in shortening, hard margarine and some fried foods, and packaged baked goods.

Consuming even just one or two grams of trans fat per day is linked to a greater risk of heart attack and stroke.

A federal ban on trans fats was first proposed by the NDP in 2004.

Subsequent proposals, and a Conservative plan to get companies to voluntarily remove trans fats from their products, all flopped.

Earlier this month, Health Canada issued a new proposal for a ban of partially hydrogenated oils.

It's accepting input from stakeholders until June 21.

15,000

Extrapolated data shows that a ban on trans fats in restaurants alone would result in about 15,000 fewer heart attacks and strokes per year in Canada.

Cheap street-sold pad thai is under threat in Bangkok. ISTOCK

THAILAND

Bangkok's sidewalks get less spicy

Efforts by authorities in military-ruled Thailand to impose order on the capital have a fresh target: cheap and tasty pad thai.

The latest crackdown by Bangkok city officials is targeting vendors whose carts have become institutions on the capital's hot and humid sidewalks.

The stalls serve as a gastronomic go-to for budget-conscious locals and adventurous tourists alike.

"Street food is a big part of daily life," said Nont Nontiskul, 29, a stockbroker who has lived in the city's trendy Thonglor area for over a decade. "Even people who eat at pricy restaurants every day can't avoid street food. It's faster, tastes better, and costs less than half the price."

Officials see street food as an illegal nuisance and have warned hawkers in Thonglor to clear out by Monday. They've said the evictions soon will expand to other neighbourhoods.

Officials have been emboldened by the military junta that has ruled the country since a 2014 coup and has stressed the need to clean up Thai society, whether it is corrupt politicians or crowded footpaths.

That has led to sometimes ham-fisted crackdowns on everything from street markets to beach umbrellas to overpriced lottery tickets.

Observers say the poor, many of whom were supporters of the ousted government's populist policies, have borne the brunt of many of the junta-backed campaigns and that the clean sidewalk effort will hit vendors and their working-class customers hardest.

Boontham Huiprasert, a Bangkok district chief tasked with clearing out the sidewalks under his jurisdiction, said street food vendors are being evicted to fight traffic congestion and the accumulations of garbage.

About 90 Thonglor vendors and their carts were set to leave by Monday, after which the crackdowns will expand to neighbouring streets, Boontham said.

Violators could be fined up to 2,000 baht ($57).

"Just don't sell on the sidewalks," Boontham said. "People who sell stuff on the sidewalks, they don't pay rent. There are so many out there now, so we have to organize society."

In fact, the food sellers say they do pay rent in the form of small monthly under-the-table payments to city officials.

Critics say the government needs to do more to help vendors and to help preserve some the unique chaos that gives Bangkok its soul, which is rapidly being lost to government regulations and redevelopment for condos, shopping malls and office towers.

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Noreen Guptill, inclusion and accessibility specialist with Halifax regional municipality parks and recreation, 53.

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

I studied sports administration at Durham College then did an internship at a children's hospital with a recreational therapist — which was a relatively new profession at the time — and I enjoyed it immensely. So, I went to Dalhousie to get my degree in recreation therapy.

For a while, I worked at a hospital and created programs to get kids to play. For kids, play can be therapeutic, keeping their emotional and physical spirits up, which has been linked to faster healing.

Today, I work for the Parks and Recreation department for the city in a relatively new position. The city has a mandate that its programs need to be inclusive and accessible, so my job today is to review policy and strategies to make sure recreation programs, like swimming classes, summer camps or learning opportunities, are as open to everyone as possible. I make recommendations for upcoming city projects, equipment for recreation program and even staffing.

I absolutely love what I do. I'm helping people every day. I'm in a position to make a difference. I'm making recommendations that'll open up opportunities for individuals, making policies that support inclusion and access to recreation programs. The profession tends to be a positive one — it's all about play!

THE BASICS: Recreational therapist

$44,632

Median annual salary for an intermediate-level recreational therapist. Those with experience or advanced training can expect to earn upwards of **$70,000**.

+13%

The amount of growth expected in this field over the next eight years.

Data for this feature was provided by ncbi.nlm.nih.gov, trontario.org, camh.ca, niagaracollege.ca, Canadian-tr.org, payscale.com, onetonline.org.

HOW TO START

There are a number of recreation therapy programs at colleges across the country, including Toronto's Seneca college, Barrie, Ont.'s Georgian College and Niagara College. Some university, like Halifax's Dalhousie or the University of Waterloo, also offer degrees in recreation therapy. In both programs, students learn the theory and history of the industry, as well as some background in physiology and psychology. They also complete field work through classroom placements or apprenticeship programs. Prospective recreational therapists are encouraged to take the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification, a U.S.-run, but Canada-recognized designation, as many jobs — especially in hospitals — require it. Some provinces, like Nova Scotia also require rec therapists to be certified. They will also often need first-aid, CPR and WHIMS training, and often a valid driver's license.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

There are opportunities across the country: hospitals, child care facilities and municipalities often employ them to create programs that encourage people to play. Increasingly, anywhere that focuses on community engagement or healing – like out-patient clinics, community centres, or even private organizations – are using recreational therapists.

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COMFORT FOOD

Restaurateur settles down at The Farmer's House

Shelley Boettcher

Margaret Hope, owner of The Farmer's House, is happy to serve wholesome, homemade food to her customers. CONTRIBUTED

Margaret Hope's path to being a Calgary restaurateur wasn't exactly a straight one. Growing up, she split her time between Montreal and Scotland, where her father's family is from.

After finishing school, she moved to British Columbia to ski and, along the way, opened The Siding Café in 1987 in Field. With a focus on home-style food and good coffee, the place was an instant hit.

But eventually, Hope decided it was time to move on. She headed to Calgary where she landed a job at a city magazine, and then a stint in film and television.

However, she never forgot her passion for feeding people. A few years ago, when the City of Calgary began to license food trucks, she launched Blam!wich. The gourmet sandwich-to-go place was one of the city's first food truck hits, and at its height, it would see massive lineups of fans in search of good nosh.

But it was also a ton of work, and Hope wanted a place she didn't have to move all the time. A place where people could linger and relax.

When The Farmer's House came available two and a half years ago, she had what she wanted. "I know a lot of my customers' names, which is really nice. I get hugs from them," she says.

Located in a 1912 farmhouse in Marda Loop, The Farmer's House has a large, sunny sheltered patio for good days and, during inclement weather, you can get cozy inside.

Either way, you'll enjoy a home-style meal crafted by Hope and her team. "We have real, honest, recognizeable food," Hope says. "Our menu is wholesome, homemade and good value."

Try the frittata or an herbed chicken and pesto flatbread. Or a bowl of fresh soup and baguette.

"People know what's on their plate," she says. "You won't get some foam with a stalk of grass here."

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Kia Sportage has staying power

HANDOUT

REVIEW

From its early swamp days to among the best in segment

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

There might not be an automaker this side of Hyundai more often subjected to retrospective reviews than its sister brand, Kia.

You know the ones. They start by reflecting on how awful, say, the original Sephia was before marvelling at the likes of the current Forte and just how far the brand has come. That amazement at the automaker's rapid ascent is justified. Kia has come a long way in its two decades or so on the market here. And there's no better example of that growth than the 2017 Kia Sportage.

Launched as the brand's second model in the North American market, the Sportage — yes, the one that starred in those awful commercials set down on the bayou — has stood the test of time like no other vehicle in Kia's lineup. In fact, as far as compact crossovers go the Sportage is among the longest-tenured nameplates on the market.

Much of the credit for the Sportage's staying power goes to its steady evolution. It's been so vastly improved that the Sportage can now easily be considered among the segment's best.

There is a choice of two four-cylinder engines. Both offer decent power though that's more so the case with the turbo engine, which is responsive and provides a good amount of giddyup.

When it comes to ride quality, the Sportage is greatly improved, though not exactly great. The suspension could offer a little more cushiness. Inside, the Sportage features a nice cabin design that's easy to live with regardless of trim level. It's also available with all kinds of comfort and convenience features, including heated and ventilated seats, a heated steering wheel and a touchscreen infotainment system.

Not available on the Sportage, however, are active safety features like adaptive cruise control and lane-keep assist. And despite not leading the segment in cargo volume (798 liters) or second row legroom (970 millimeters), the Sportage does offer plenty of space for a family of four.

The fundamentals that make this 2017 Kia Sportage great (namely the overall ride quality) are unchanged no matter the trim level. And the Sportage is up there with its Honda peers when it comes to price. Add it all up and the Sportage is a competitive offering.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 KIA SPORTAGE

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.4-litre four-cylinder; 2.0L turbo four-cylinder
Output: 181 horsepower, 175 pound-feet of torque; 237 hp, 260 lb-ft
Transmission: 6-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (l/100 km): 11.9 city, 10.2 highway (turbo)
Price: Starts at $24,895

LOVE IT

- Ride quality
- Cabin quietness
- Peaky turbo engine

LEAVE IT

- Relatively poor fuel economy
- Lack of second row legroom

5 DEBUTS FROM THE NEW YORK AUTO SHOW

The New York Auto Show sees automakers from around the world unveiling a wide array of vehicles, from compact concepts to production sedans to full-size SUVs and plenty in between. We've distilled the reveals down to the most intoxicating. Bringing you up to speed, here's a list of the most potent products on display in NYC. **CRAIG COLE/AUTOGUIDE.COM**

1 2018 Lincoln Navigator

Lincoln revealed the first all-new Navigator in more than a decade. This swanky, full-size luxury SUV features a 450-horsepower twin-turbo V6 under the hood, one that's paired with an advanced 10-speed automatic transmission. Compared to today's version, the 2018 model has lost some 200 pounds thanks to its aluminum-intensive body. Inside, passengers are treated to tons of cutting-edge technology and even more supple leather.

2 Genesis GV80 concept

Hyundai's upscale Genesis brand took the wrapper off a new crossover concept in New York. The GV80 is motivated by a plug-in hydrogen fuel-cell powertrain. We're not sure exactly what that means, but this vehicle rolls on gigantic 23-inch wheels. Inside, there's an expansive display screen, sumptuous leather trimmings and plenty of other luxury touches. Leaked documents indicate Genesis plans to launch two crossovers by 2020 and this could be half of them.

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3 2018 Dodge Challenger SRT Demon

Finally, the coolest, most impressive and downright best reveal from NYC is Dodge's Challenger SRT Demon. It also happens to be the fastest reveal by a country mile. Breathing fire is an 840-horsepower 6.2-liter V8, a massaged version of the engine found in lesser Hellcat models. That's enough to propel this bad-ass Mopar to 60 in just 2.3 seconds! It'll bite off, chew up and spit out the quarter mile in less than 10. In case you're wondering, for a mass-produced vehicle those figures are nothing short of insane. Production is limited to 3,300 with 300 of those examples earmarked for Canada.

4 Infiniti QX80 Monograph concept

Infiniti unveiled a new concept utility vehicle at this important international motor show. The brand's QX80 Monograph clearly hints at what a next-generation SUV from this brand could look like. With graceful curves and a massive grille, it's certainly imposing. It features gigantic 24-inch wheels and a full underbody shield for protection while off-roading. No powertrain information has been shared.

5 Toyota FT-4X concept

Toyota's FT-4X crossover concept targets Generation-Y urbanites with rugged styling, a versatile interior and generous approach and departure angles for decent off-roading capability. Built on the Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA), this design study likely shares a lot of componentry with the brand's C-HR small crossover. The FT-4X's most unique feature is its double-jointed rear hatch that either swings or lifts for easy access to the cargo area.

The ultimate open-air wrangler

It's in a place like Moab, Utah where the open-air experience offered by the Jeep Wrangler makes a lot of sense. The red rocks loom overhead, snow-capped mountains peer over the horizon and all kinds of vegetation sprout from the ground, giving the occupants a lot to look at. That's why the new Jeep Switchback is so compelling. This is probably the most production-ready of all the 2017 Easter Jeep Safari project vehicles, as over half of the upgrades comes from Jeep Performance Parts, with many available to all Wrangler owners. **Stephen Elmer** AUTOGUIDE.COM

1 V6 engine
The powertrain stays standard, with a 3.6-litre V6 hooked to a 5-speed automatic.

2 Custom doors
Custom half-doors let passengers take it all in while cruising through wild country — although it would have been nice to be able to close those lower openings to keep the Utah dust out.

3 Lift and shocks
The list of production upgrades includes things like a 4-inch lift with Rubicon rock rails, heavy-duty cast differential covers and new remote reservoir shocks.

4 Goodrich tires
Sitting under this Jeep are 37-inch BF Goodrich Mud-Terrain tires and Dana 44s.

5 High Safari roof
The custom Safari roof offers high-mounted windows and high roofline for an airy feeling.

6 Front end extras
Steel bumpers, a winch and a cold air intake are also on the list of production upgrades.

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Flames, Ducks in midst of goal-mouth scrambles

CALGARY-ANAHEIM

Shaky play in net leaves questions for both teams

While the Calgary Flames try to get up off the mat in their playoff series against the Anaheim Ducks, goaltending questions have surfaced for both teams.

Projections, in both nets, for who will start Wednesday's Game 4 at Scotiabank Saddledome were thrown into flux by the performances of Game 3, which Anaheim took 5-4 in overtime for a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Jonathan Bernier's 16-save shutout over the back 33 minutes in relief of starter John Gibson raises speculation that Anaheim's "1B" could be upgraded to "1A" for a game in which the Ducks can clinch the series.

"I'm going to pick one goalie. It's going to be one of them," Ducks coach Randy Carlyle quipped dryly.

The Flames face becoming the first of the five Canadian teams in the NHL post-season to exit if they can't prolong their Western Conference conference quarter-final.

Calgary starter Brian Elliott whiffed on the Shea Theodore goal that sparked Anaheim's comeback from a 4-1 deficit Monday.

Flames goalie Brian Elliott stopped 22 of 27 shots in a 5-4 overtime loss on Monday night.
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Elliott then fought the puck coming at him through traffic. Corey Perry's overtime winner deflected off his pad and off the back of a skate.

"It's a case a little bit of, you're never as good as you think and you're never as bad as you think," Elliott said Tuesday.

"It helps to have video and watch it so you can see all the little things that lead to breakdowns or goals. That's kind of how you get over it. If you keep thinking about it, you just dig yourself a hole."

> **We know we're going to be up against a desperate hockey club.**
> Ducks coach Randy Carlyle

All three Calgary goalies were on the ice for Tuesday's optional skate — Elliott, Chad Johnson and call-up Jon Gillies.

"I just wanted to go out and feel a couple pucks," Elliott said.

While Carlyle said he'd made his mind up on his Game 4 starter, Flames counterpart Glen Gulutzan said he'd inform his choice later in the day.

"I definitely want that opportunity for sure," Elliott said.

Elliott's previous playoff experience going three rounds last year with St. Louis, and the resilience that requires, is a significant factor in his favour.

Johnson started just four of Calgary's last 20 games of the regular season and has zero post-season experience.

Bernier went 11-3-2 with a goals-against average of 2.13 from Feb. 20 to March 31 while Gibson was injured. Carlyle replaced Gibson with Bernier after Calgary's fourth goal Monday.

"With Bernie, he came in and calmed things down," Carlyle acknowledged. "When you review it and watch the tape, he did a heck of a job coming in and settling our group down."
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INJURY UPDATE

Defenceman Sami Vatanen (upper body) participated in Anaheim's optional skate. He was scratched for the second and third games of the series. Carlyle said Vatanen will be a game-day decision.

MONTREAL-NEW YORK

Rangers tie series on Nash winner

Rick Nash's tie-breaking goal early in the second period lifted the New York Rangers to a 2-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals Tuesday night.

The best-of-seven is tied at 2-2. Game 5 is Thursday at Bell Centre in Montreal.

Jesper Fast also scored for New York. Fast and Nash's goals were only New York's fifth and sixth in the Rangers' last seven playoff games at Madison Square Garden.

GAME 4 In New York

2	1
RANGERS	CANADIENS

The win snapped New York's six-game losing streak at home in the Stanley Cup playoffs. The Rangers last won a home playoff game in Game 1 of the 2015 Eastern Conference final.

Torrey Mitchell found the back of the net for the Canadiens. Carey Price made 30 saves.

Henrik Lundqvist finished with 23 saves for the Rangers. Among Lundqvist's toughest stops was one on an Alex Galchenyuk shot in the third where the New York goaltender turned to find the puck alongside the far post. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Lowry, Raptors get even with Bucks

Three nights after a horrible outing in Game 1, Kyle Lowry more than made up for it in Game 2.

Toronto's three-time all-star scored 22 points, including the game-clinching shot with nine seconds to play as the Raptors defeated the Bucks 106-100 on Tuesday, sending the best-of-seven playoff series to Milwaukee tied at one win apiece.

DeMar DeRozan scored 23 points, while Serge Ibaka, playing on a sprained left ankle, added 16 points and seven rebounds.

GAME 2 At ACC

106	100
RAPTORS	BUCKS

Jonas Valanciunas added 10 points and 10 boards, and Cory Joseph chipped in with 11 points.

Giannis Antetokounmpo led the Bucks with 24 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists.
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IN BRIEF

Atletico ends Leicester's Champions League run
Atletico Madrid reached the Champions League semifinals for the third time in four seasons by ending Leicester's fairytale European journey on Tuesday, drawing 1-1 at the King Power Stadium to advance 2-1 on aggregate.

In Madrid, with a hat trick that made him the first player to score 100 Champions League goals, Cristiano Ronaldo led Real Madrid to a 4-2 win over 10-man Bayern Munich and into the semifinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Red Sox bury Blue Jays at bottom of league standings
Mitch Moreland drove in three runs and Mookie Betts scored three times as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 8-7 on Tuesday night.

The Blue Jays made it interesting with a three-run ninth inning but Matt Barnes got Devon Travis on a lineout to end the game.

The Red Sox (9-5) extended their winning streak to four games while Toronto dropped to a major-league worst 2-11. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

PED use nets Marte an 80-game ban

Pittsburgh Pirates all-star outfielder Starling Marte has been suspended 80 games by Major League Baseball after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

The league said Tuesday that Marte tested positive for the steroid Nandrolone.

The 28-year-old from the Dominican Republic, a two-time Gold Glove winner, is hitting .241 with two home runs and seven RBIs this season.
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Starling Marte GETTY IMAGES

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Filling Devilled Eggs with Tuna

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

These protein-packed beauties make elegant hors d'oeuvres, but also do the trick as a snack or as part of a lunch when paired with a salad.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 12 hard boiled eggs
- 1 can of tuna
- juice of half a lemon
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp minced shallots
- 3 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp plain Greek Yogurt
- 1/2 tsp dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp salt
- pepper to taste
- garnish with some fresh parsley

Directions

1. After you've boiled, cooled and peeled your eggs, cut them in half lengthwise and scoop the yolks into a medium bowl. Arrange your egg whites on a large plate.

2. Add your tuna into the bowl of yolks. Using a fork or potato masher, mash the yolks and tuna together until they are in small pieces, especially the tuna. Mix in lemon juice, garlic and shallots. Then add mayonnaise, Greek yogurt, mustard, salt and pepper to taste and blend.

3. Spoon a tablespoon amount of egg and tuna mix into the the white halves. Serve immediately or cover and place in the refrigerator to enjoy later.

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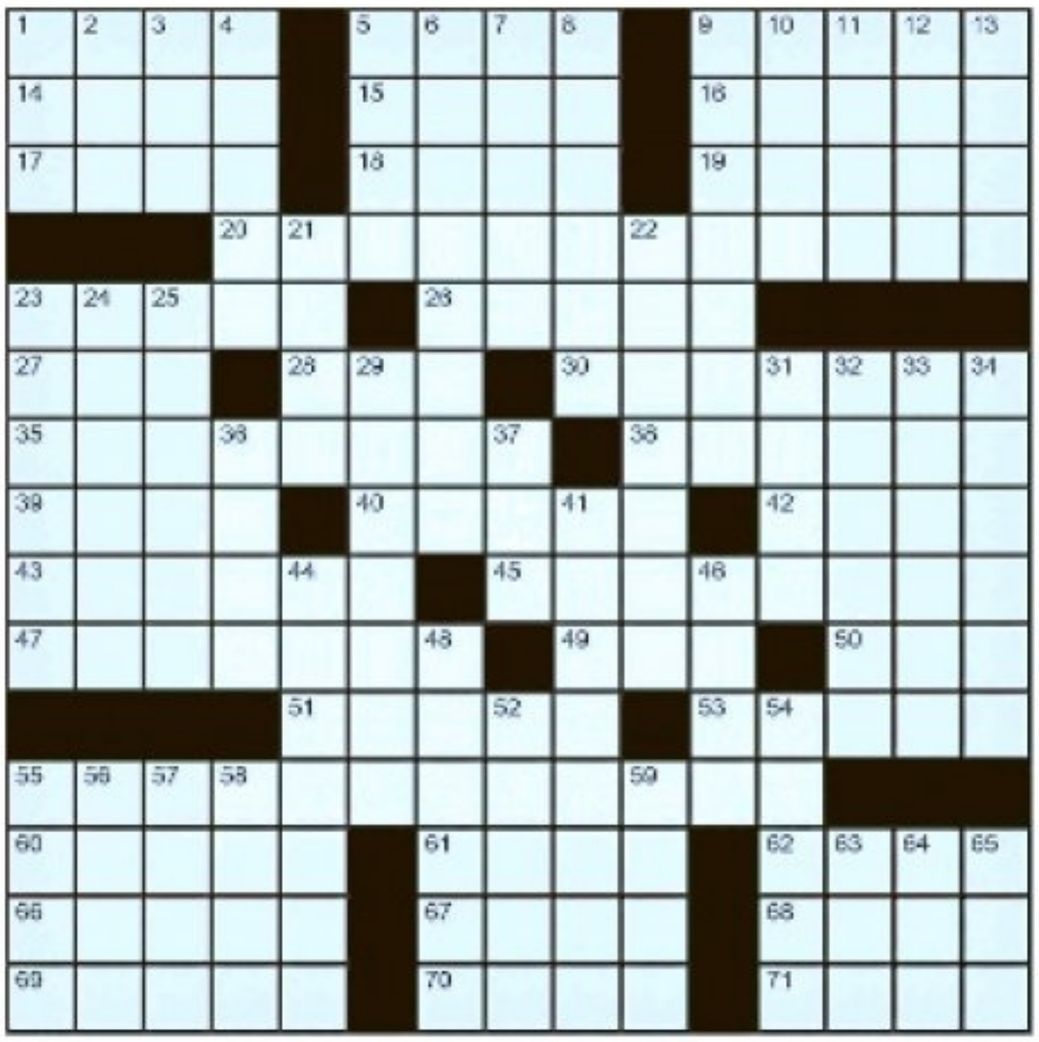
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Captain's control
5. Roadie's gig
9. Shrimp-like creature
14. Posh sport for William or Harry
15. Germanic letter
16. Ancient Greek colony
17. Shout!
18. "Willie and the Hand Jive" by Johnny __
19. Averages
20. Officers in the old comedies of Canadian filmmaker Mack Sennett: 2 wds.
23. Vows-exchanging spot
26. Bound-to-the-land person of ancient Sparta
27. Perfume by Cacharel
28. God willing, __ volente
30. Edna's __ (Mrs. Garrett's gourmet food shop on "The Facts of Life")
35. "Dancing with the Stars" judge Ms. Hough
38. Knowing
39. Roast's roasting realm
40. Rolling Stones: "(I Can't __ __) Satisfaction"
42. Filled food
43. Ms. Andress of "Dr. No" (1962)
45. Bright yellow Spring flower
47. Oozing
49. Planetary passage possibleness-izer, puny-ly
50. Compass letters
51. Amarillo's state
53. Beehives, at the salon
55. British Columbia's 'spirit' animals 2 wds.
60. Slurpee-like frozen beverages
61. Lion's sound!
62. Curved shape
66. Shrub variety
67. Ballet outfit
68. Lei-wearer's party
69. __ __ few words (Briefly addresses the group)
70. Daisy part
71. Slight

DOWN
1. Espionage expert
2. Work the flower bed
3. Curses! = __ betide!
4. Accordion music
5. Iliad site
6. Exceeded
7. Amalgamate
8. Put on a new shoe bottom
9. Motion-related
10. Chess castle tower
11. Small obi accessory
12. Foot injury result
13. Laddie's love
21. Earth goddess in Das Rheingold
22. Falls asleep: 2 wds.
23. Particular pears
24. Paris museum in "The Da Vinci Code" (2006)
25. Nan A. __ (Book publisher)
29. New status for an officially-moving-forward-together couple
31. Candy bar, __-Honey
32. Gas station selection in the past
33. Brendan Fraser comedy, "__ Man" (1992)
34. Shoulder scarves
36. __ __ to one's ears
37. Airport schedule acr.
41. Cause the stomach to be upset
44. Play of 1887 by Victorien Sardou upon which Puccini's almost-exactly-the-same-named opera of 1900 is based: 2 wds.
46. Number of Beatles
48. Strains
52. Concerning
54. Old†Testament hymn
55. "Beth" band
56. S. Amer. country
57. Mountains at Saint-__ (Vincent van Gogh, oil on canvas, 1889)
58. Centimetre, e.g.
59. Lily variety
63. Ms. McClanahan
64. Road trip need
65. Tint

✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will focus on money, cash flow and earnings during the next four weeks. Similarly, you might contemplate a major purchase.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The Sun will be in your sign for the next four weeks, boosting your energy and attracting favorable circumstances and people to you. This happens once a year.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Respect your need for some peace and quiet during the next few weeks. You need to withdraw from the busyness of the world around you in order to make goals and ground yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will be popular during the next four weeks! Enjoy schmoozing with friends and members of clubs and groups. Share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
For the next four weeks, the Sun is at the top of your chart, casting a flattering light on you. This makes you look great in the eyes of bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If possible, go travelling during the upcoming weeks, because you need a change of scenery and a chance to learn more. Do what you can to broaden your horizons.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will feel strongly about many things during the next few weeks. In particular, romance, as well as issues with shared property and inheritances, will matter.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will need more sleep during the next four weeks because of the placement of the Sun opposite your sign. Respect your need for more rest.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do whatever you can to get better organized during the next four weeks, because you want to turn over a new leaf. Your high standards will apply to your health as well.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are playful and fun-loving during the next four weeks. Enjoy sporting events, the arts, romantic associations, playful times with children, parties and vacations.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Home and family will become priorities for you in the next four weeks. Many will want to cocoon at home more than usual. Just do it.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The tempo of your days will accelerate during the next four weeks because of a busy schedule full of errands, visits with others, increased reading and writing, and short trips. Busy you!

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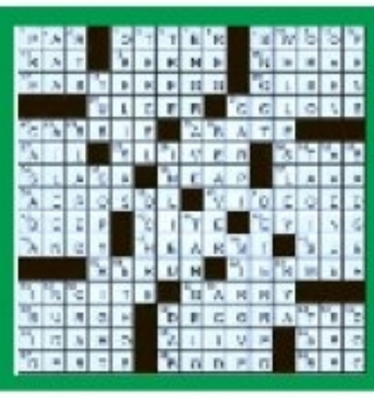

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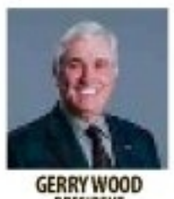

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